

Table Talk

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Theological Seminary at Gettysburg.



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JUBILATE! is here at last! The JUBILATE! Committee and friends warmly invite all students, spouses, faculty and staff to one of the greatest events of the year, the coming together of professionals from wherever good liturgy is happening for a two-and-a-half day concentration on "The Sacramental Life of the Parish."

Everything during the festival is open to all members of the seminary community except the Harms Preaching Seminar, which is for pastors only. Special items in the schedule are the performances of "Zoo Story" by Mark Radecke and Peter Raschke on Thursday at 3:15 p.m. and Friday at 1:30 p.m., music by the Seminary Recorder Ensemble on Thursday at 6:30 p.m., and a workshop on liturgical dance by Carla De Sola of St. John the Divine, New York. Special guests also include Mr. Ray Egan and Dr. Paul Manz.

Throughout different times and places people have praised God with a "new song." This has resulted in a rich legacy of church music for us in the United States in 1978. Raymond Egan, church musician and composer of church music, chamber music, and music for radio and television, will ask the question: "Where is this 'new song' today, who is singing it, and how might I hear it?" Mr. Egan will be leading a workshop entitled "His Song Shall Be Sung", Church Music: A Wider View on Friday, March 31 at 3:15 p.m. in Christ Chapel of Gettysburg College.

A major part of the JUBILATE! celebration will be the service of Holy Communion in the contemporary idiom Thursday evening, March 30, at 9:00 p.m. in the Gettysburg College chapel. The public is invited to this innovative and exciting liturgy, when Mr. Egan will be joined by fellow musicians, a guest soloist, the JUBILATE! Choir, and the seminary liturgical dance group in the presentation of original pieces for worship. His Sanctus and Benedictus will be premiered at this time. This service is sponsored by Lutheran Brotherhood and the Senior Class.

Raymond Egan is currently music director of First Trinity Lutheran Church in Washington, D.C. He has studied at the Eastman School of Music from both the "classical" and "popular" music point of view, and has played piano in a variety of improvisational settings towards realizing the popular music viewpoint.

Dr. Paul Manz, outstanding church musician, returns to Gettysburg as a major highlight of this year's JUBILATE! festival. Dr. Manz is a skilled technician at the organ console and highly creative and sensitive in the art of improvisation. Taking the melody of a hymn, he molds around it and through it a fascinating array of interpretative ideas which capture the thematic thought of the text. He will be instructing in this skill Friday, March 31, at 10:20 a.m. in Christ Lutheran Church, Gettysburg, when he offers a workshop to musicians and all interested persons.

Friday evening, March 31, at 8:00 p.m. Dr. Manz will play for a Festival of Hymnody centering on the Easter and Eucharistic themes. Wilbur Held of MUSIC MAGAZINE well describes the experience of singing with Paul Manz, who provided "accompaniments and introductory improvisations which ranged from brilliant interluded fantasies and fugal construction to whimsical obligatos and impressionistic harmonies. The text always received attention, and the congregation and choir were always "led in" carefully and guided through with subtle but insistent control. It was a masterful

demonstration of improvising skill, but it did not exceed the bounds of tasteful service palying."

This evening of musical pleasure and exciting singing will take place at Christ Chapel of Gettysburg College.

The festival concludes with the elaborate Service of Holy Communion and Baptism Saturday, April 1, at 10:45 a.m. Dr. Paul Harms from the preaching seminar will deliver the sermon, the seminary men's choir will sing, and Ms. Carla De Sola will dance during the Kyrie and Gloria.

JUBILATE! Choir rehearsals for the Ray Egan service are Tuesday, March 28, at 7:00 p.m. in the choir room and Wednesday, March 29, at 7:30 p.m. in the college chapel. The joint choir rehearsal for the Manz service is Friday, March 31, at 6:30 p.m. in the college chapel.

Again, all students, spouses, faculty and staff are reminded that they do not have to pay the fee, and that if they want a festival packet with pertinent information and the corrected schedule of events, they should give their names to Pam Armstrong.

JUBILATE DEO, OMNES GENTES!

Barbara Blatt

To: All Interns

From: Student-Faculty Relations Committee

The Student-Faculty Relations Committee is now accepting applications for the position of: Supply Preaching Coordinator for the academic year 1978-79, including the summer of 1978. The description and responsibilities of the Coordinator are found in the Student Handbook under "Policies and Procedures Governing the Supply Preaching Program." Letters of application should be submitted to:

Chairperson
Student-Faculty Relations Committee

no later than April 15, 1978 in order that the appointment can be made at the April 17, 1978 meeting of the SFRC. This appointment does carry with it a salary.

John D. Ranney, Chairperson, SFRC

Friday, March 10 proved to be a superb event. While snow lay on the ground outside and temperatures hovered in the forties, the basement in Heiges Hall was found to be much warmer. There were scenes of shorts, sunglasses, halter tops, frisbees and even beach blankets. The event was the much touted "Surfin' Safari." The party opened to that old tune of Beach Boy fame as Hummer, Dr. J, and the Rock all tried their skills on a makeshift surf-board (which looked something like a folded ironing board). A good crowd gathered through the night to food, beer, pop, conversation and music. Spinning the discs were Tim "Sometimes When We Touch" Anderson and Harold "Smoke Gets In Your Eyes" Hand from whose veritable gold collections one heard and pondered to such truths as "Runaround Sue", "Her Name was Joann" and "I'm Henry the VIII". One could pick from your favorite decade to dance to. A good night to be had? Except for the fact that there were no cheese doodles to satisfy Dr. J--there was music and dancing til Two.

An Open Letter to the Student Body
Of the Seminary

Dear Friends in Christ,

Having completed almost two semesters of studies on this campus, I can no longer maintain silence at a situation which exists as a most grievous affront to the truth of our faith. I refer to the sacrilegious presence of a library in the midst of the seminary.

The truth is that such a facility---with its rows on rows of books---is in direct contradiction of Scripture. The knowledge that is sufficient for us who preach the Gospel is not contained on paper. Rather, such is "of Christ, in whom are hid all the treasures of wisdom and knowledge." (Col. 2:3) This knowledge is necessary. As it is written, God our Saviour "desires all men to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth." (1 Tim 2:4) Furthermore, Scripture is clear that divine power is granted to us "through the knowledge of him who called us to his own glory and excellence." (2 Pet 1:3) That such knowledge is commendable may be seen in Paul's statement to the Romans: "I myself am satisfied about you, my brethren, that yourselves are full of goodness, filled with knowledge, and able to instruct one another." (Rom 15:13) That such knowledge and wisdom as is necessary for the fulfillment of our calling will be supplied by the Holy Spirit is plain in the writings of Paul: "To one is given through the Spirit the utterance of wisdom, and to another the utterance of knowledge according to the same Spirit." (1 Cor 12:8)

The only conclusion which can be drawn from these passages is that the presence of a library on our campus is a manifestation of weak faith, that those who placed it here doubted the truth of Scripture wherein it is plain that God will supply whatever knowledge is necessary for the preaching of the Gospel.

That others on this campus have suspected such before me is evidenced by a perusal of the check-out slips in the backs of the volumes in the library. Many of these have been on the shelves for years and are virtually new in condition and have never been checked out. Others---many others---have not been checked out for decades. Therefore, I can only assume that the students of this campus have seen the truth of this matter and have organized to sin when the faculty urges them toward the library. Such evidence of strong faith and resistance to corruption on the part of the teachers is overwhelmingly gratifying.

Therefore, I urge the students of the Seminary to stand with me against this affront to faith. Don't listen to those who claim that in order to write and deliver an effective sermon, one should know something about his subject! Shun those who claim that a sermon should be at least partially literate, well organized in the sense of literary composition, or cast in language that is clear but rich in variety. Ignore those who claim that one should be correct in his facts when preaching---we are concerned about faith, not facticity. Scripture tells us that God desires us to have knowledge, and it is only common sense that if God wants us to have something, he will supply it. The Spirit speaks through us, and we certainly cannot lay a charge upon the Spirit that He will permit us to err in our preaching!

However, I would caution each of you in one matter: the faculty, having dwelt for years in the midst of books, is obviously deluded in the stress they place upon the library. Since they do have the ultimate power of failing or passing each of us in a given course, it might be well if we were as wise as serpents and occasionally check out a book---merely to passify them, I emphasize. But beware: do not commit the sin of reading it!

Jack Palmer

After Reading
 Buqliosi's Helter Skelter

The print decomposes on white pages. Carrion fumes
 cloud dark air up to beaks slaving in slow arcs.
 Night frays, tenuous as gauze. Fanfares rend
 star patterns in Los Feliz, on Cielo Drive---flesh shreds
 screaming under litanies scribbled in blood:
 for man's son marches to drumming skulls.

The air rises, thins down to dead at my steeple cage,
 I, John of Leydon for a season, monarch
 of the splintered stone, summoned by the Father---
 Yahweh on His fiery mount. The kingdom comes,
 a thousand years, my tiara forged from Holy Writ.
 As Moses struck the desert rock will I
 baptize the adamant at the vein-fount flood.

I run, fire-vision igniting narrow streets: "Repent!
 The Kingdom of God is at hand." They come,
 muscle knots thrashing in the garbage and snow, beating
 bloody breast with glorious fists, spawn of Antichrist
 foaming with pain. From sin-stained water they rise
 choking into the light, saints of New Jerusalem.

Amid the merchants' stalls sparse as at a passing
 of the Death, the prophet stands, his face as Moses',
 skin aflame with God: "Behold, the heir of David, monarch
 of princes, the Father's Anointed, Messiah of the closing of days!"
 My face glows with the oil veil flowing, Sword of Justice
 tempered by mountain fire: "In like manner was David,
 a humble shepherd, anointed by the prophet, at God's command.
 resist God's Will, or he shall perish by the sword."

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Thus the Miracle wrought by my hands, my mind, my vision:
 New Jerusalem luminous stands, a universe of suns
 blinding Lucifer's fading glow. The Bishop's Legions
 crush their bones against the walls. Heathen heads roll down streets
 before Justice and the Holy Law, and rest, black tongues
 pressing the gutter's stones. Gaunt rats war and feed,
 themselves fattened meat for the elect. Anointed, in linen, I drink
 God's wine, and watch the fires of God consume the artifacts
 of Antichrist, the gilded images and printed books.
 My lips are sufficient truth for the minds of the saints.

Sing: "Raise high the flags! Stand rank on rank together.
 Storm troopers march with steady, quiet tread."
 Flames mount up the past, gild the grey bastions of the learned.
 Gowned and capped they stand and watch, barbarian, blood's
 new pride rising from the smoke of condemned words.
 I am crowned, "an instrument of the Creator of all things."

This earth, this home of men to be, is cleansed. Stone soap
 and towels dispensed, the poisoned mob is delivered to the fire.
 "Much blood, much blood must sink into the earth." I am leader,
 source, from me flowing the purity of time, of mind and soul
 and flesh, a thousand years pouring down between the greening shores.

"I kill, knowing all is mere seed of future love."
 I die: flaming irons cannot part my silent lips. I sway
 and stink in my steeple cage. Or: my bones burn in the garden,
 a fearful question among black walls. The ashes of my masks
 raise the mountain on which I shall stand, for my
 hands yet will pour the mould for the Golden Age:
 I am man's son marching to drumming skulls!

Jack H Palmer

This poem is one of five poems which will be published in an anthology, Oasis,
 by Hodus Operandi Press in June 1978.

Student Faculty Relations committee - February 27, 1978

The meeting began with a report by Dougherty on the proposals made by the sub-committee on Student Housing. It was noted that the memo given to returning students concerning housing policy was merely a proposal and had not been approved as policy. Dougherty presented two proposals - one dealing with a lottery system and one concerning continual residence. Also proposed was the establishment of a student committee to maintain up-to-date off campus housing file and a committee for housing maintenance grievances.

An amended motion was passed to approve the married housing proposal and conduct a public forum concerning single student housing before April 1. Rockel gave a report on the Course Evaluation Committee. Results have been tabulated and a written report will be given at the next meeting. The Committee will interpret its findings and consult with individual professors. Dougherty reported on the Greek Task Force. Discussion followed. Resolved that the task force is to engage in dialog with faculty from Division I. Kincheloe reported on Student Life Committee. This committee is to be inclusive in nature so to involve spouses, faculty and administration. The Dean's Report followed. Dean Krodel outlined proposed changes in the intern debriefing procedure. The procedure will involve three faculty members who would then write Senior Evaluation Reports. Class reports followed. The middlers reported on concerns over the Internship Workshop. Homer to chair ad hoc committee to evaluate the present process and report findings to the Dean, the Field Education Committee and SFRC. Rockel reported displeasure that classes have not been canceled for Jubilate. Ranney to form committee to explore fund-raising possibilities for the purchase of a fetal monitor for Annie Warner Hospital. Next meeting on 3/13/78 in the Refectory.

Student Faculty Relations Committee Minutes - March 13, 1978

The meeting, held in the Refectory, opened with class reports. Poerschke reported on his class' meeting with the Dean concerning changes in grading policy. Homer reported that the ad hoc committee on Internship Workshop procedures had assembled information on student concerns but that it had not yet been put in its final form. Discussion also centered on issues raised in Dr. Stuempfle's report to the community in chapel. Ranney reported his class' concern in certain areas of this term's Epistles course. The Dean noted the monumental task of conducting course evaluations. He suggested that consistency be developed in this process and that ways of simplifying the tabulation be developed. The next meeting will be held on April 17, 1978. This is the last regularly scheduled meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

Ken Homer

 MAJOR SEX SCANDAL AT LTSG

In a tense press conference held just hours before spring break, President Hermann Stuempfle replied to disturbing rumors that a major

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change would be made in the Student Association Constitution. (It may be argued that this is a cheap way to draw attention to what some regard as a boring, even sickeningly blase, subject. My response to that accusation would be "Yes.") Actually, in truth, only this reporter was present at that "conference", and the only tension was due to acid indigestion from a St. Patrick's Day doughnut. What President Stuempfle and I were discussing was a major proposed revision in the present Student Association Constitution and Bylaws, a revision which should result in increased student involvement, a more responsive Student Association, Truth, Justice, and the American Way.

The Task Force on Student Association has been meeting since October in what began as an effort to make technical changes in the Constitution in order to eliminate contradictions and make clarifications, and evolved into a proposal to change the entire structure of Student Association. As the Task Force met to discuss what it felt to be the proper function of Student Association, if indeed there was one, we began discussing the general tenor (and bass) of campus life, and some of the current "gripes" that students were raising. What we discovered was that there was no student forum in which one could make complaints or suggestions while the Student-Faculty Relations Committee provided a place for dialogue with faculty, there was little opportunity for students to come together formally. Rejecting a community-wide orgy as such a means (hence the title of this article), which never got past my fantasy stage anyway, we proposed changing the Student Association structure from a papistic autocracy to a more Catholic councilor approach -- we replaced Kincheloe with a committee.

What is this new master plan which the committee has hatched? The major component is a 16 member Core Committee whose purpose is to "discuss issues of interest to the student body, air problems and complaints, coordinate activities of the Student Association, oversee the Standing Committees...", widen the Panama Canal to accomodate aircraft carriers, and change water into wine. (The last two responsibilities are implied rather than stated explicitly). The Committee, which consists of nine voting student members, (three from each class including the class presidents), the three officers of the Student Association, three spouses, and a representative from the Washington House of Studies, (those last seven have voice but not vote) will be the basic decision-making body of the Student Association relieving the President of sole responsibility and insuring a much wider range of opinion.

Other major changes being proposed include having Standing Committee members be elected by class, rather than appointed by the president; opening all Student Association and related committee meetings to the Seminary Community, reserving the right to call an executive session; and adding a procedure for the recall of senile or otherwise incompetent or unsatisfactory student representatives (actually I made up the requirements, but the proposed revision does provide for recall of officers and all other elected representatives of the Student Association). There are many other changes including an expanded statement of purpose, a reduction in the number of standing committees, and many, many more. All these are yours in the new, proposed, revised, and changed Student Association Constitution and By-Laws now on reserve at your friendly seminary library. Or borrow one from a friend or Task Force member..

Seriously, a lot of work has gone into this proposal, and we have arrived at what we think is a much more responsive and effective Student Association structure. I would encourage you to look over the proposed revision which will be on reserve at the library or borrow one from a Task Force member (Bud Myers, Dan Risch, Mark Schwartz, Ken Homor, Beth Huwiler among others, and myself). There will be an opportunity to discuss it during the week of April 3-7 (I'll be posting a notice as to exactly when) which I would encourage all interested students to attend (all disinterested students will meet in the Mark Williams Memorial Lounge at a time to be arranged). A

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vote on the revision will be held during the week of April 10-14, in conjunction with nominations for president and treasurer of the Student Association. A quorum of one-fourth of our membership is necessary for Constitutional amendments, so I would encourage you, nay plead with you to come out and vote for this comprehensive package.

Roger Digges
Chairperson

A PSEUDO-EPISTLE TO THE
COMMUNITY ON THE HILL

1. A servant of the Lord Jesus to the community on the Hill in Gettysburg.
 2. Grace and Peace from God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.
 3. First, I give thanks to God that there are those among you on the Hill who are not afraid to activate your concern for what you believe. 4. For in the past, it has been said that the community on the Hill is one of apathy; whose only reaction to any issue has been one of momentary, silent concern. 5. In truth, I am sure that you are well aware that little has ever been accomplished in this world by sitting on one's hands.
 6. Thus, I have been pleased to hear that you were able to rally together around your concern for the quality of education being received by your brothers and sisters on the Hill. 7. I have been informed that a member of your faculty in that most important division, New Testament, was not to be offered a new contract in the coming year. 8. It would seem that the demonic force precipitating this unfortunate situation was one of a scarcity of funds. 9. I have heard that you sought to express your concern to the authorities that they should seek to oppose this force threatened to deteriorate that quality of the education which you were receiving. 10. You expressed your concern through conversations with the authorities and through letters. 11. These were admirable avenues.
 12. Undoubtedly you have heard it said among you, as it is written; "Blessed are those who are persecuted, blessed are they who mourn, blessed are the merciful, blessed are the peacemakers". 13. Your community on the Hill consists of each of these brethren. 14. There, on your Hill, you have much opportunity to proclaim the gospel. 15. As you know, Our Lord has shown us Love and mercy, and has commanded us to love one another.
 16. You are to be praised for activating your concern. 17. Be comforted in the knowledge that your cause was an admirable one, and although the outcome may not have been all that you longed for, your action was one of love. 18. You have shown a recognition of true scholarship, and have responded in brotherly love to a fellow servant in Christ who, himself, has shown in innumerable ways his concern for you and your community's academic quality.
 19. Keep the faith, continue in the Lord's Peace and love.
- Amen
- (Name withheld upon request.)

To: Dr. Herman Stuempfle, Board of Directors and all other concerned persons

From: Gregory P. Harbaugh, Intern
Augustana Evangelical Lutheran Church
Detroit, Michigan 48235

I am appalled by the recent decision of the seminary to eliminate, hence excommunicate, members of Christ's body from participation in that Body through the communion of our Lord's Supper. The 'noble' reason of "living under the order of the church" is, more realistically, a euphemism for cowardice in the face of tyranny by church tradition and ecclesiastes whose primary concerns are legalism, not love; exclusivity, not inclusivity; control, not freedom. That the seminary is "under the order of the church" (note the oppressive language) is not to be doubted or denied. That the church is correct in its interpretation of our communion is another matter. That the simple questioning of a practice known by most of our community to be out of step with church law should result in that practice suddenly being rescinded smells more of threat than question, more of a pulling on purse strings than "living under the order of the church." I hope that is not the case. But for you, Dr. Stuempfle, to make it seem as though this maverick practice has only recently been discovered to be opposed to 'official' interpretation is dishonest and patronizing. Many, if not most or all, of us were aware and proud of the fact that the seminary would stand against 'the church' tradition and open the communion of Christ with his people to more of his people. It was and is a practice more consistent with our understanding of God's grace through Christ given us in Baptism (as infants incapable of appropriate understanding, attitudes and patterns of action) than that of the 1970 statement. I glories in the knowledge that here was an institution that would defy church law to speak Christ's promise, "Let the children come to me, and do not hinder them; for to such belongs the kingdom of heaven." May children enter the kingdom but not the communion? Are we again to turn back to the attitude (inappropriate as Jesus considered it) of the disciples and keep our children from Christ's saving presence? Did those children possess the "understanding, attitudes, and action patterns appropriate to [their] age levels?" Do we, in fact, believe that Christ is present in, with and under the meal in which we participate? If we do, we hinder the children. Do, in fact, most congregation members come to Christ's supper with such appropriate understanding, attitudes and action patterns (whatever that means) magically bestowed upon them at some arbitrary age? I am deeply saddened and disappointed by this decision to return to such exclusivistic and divisive "patterns of action" for communion. Where is the spirit for continuing reformation we so proudly extol at other times (Bulletin Winter, 1973, esp. G. Krodel)? Perhaps we might take a lesson from our sisters and brothers of the Episcopalian understanding who broke the yoke of sexism by defying church order, by ecclesial disobedience. What happens to God's freedom and ours as well as the all-believer priesthood when we so passively submit to der Fuhrer's demands, like dogs rolling on our backs in obedience to its master? I am disgusted by this turn of events and cry 'Anathema!' to the cowards who support its suppositions. If reform is to continue we must do it. If children of all ages are to come to Christ, we must let them pass. Our children cannot, perhaps, understand fully the Gift of God's love preached or taught in a language they have not yet learned or presented in a piece of bread and sip of wine which may be strange to them. But can they understand the giving/receiving of food and drink with their parents and others around them? Can they perceive the denial of food and drink when that is the case? Will we appropriate the attitude of society in which children are not considered fully human (witness abuse and abortion, esp. 'post-natal')? Will we, and I risk being trite, continue to reinforce the sense of 'not-OKness' with which children are so heavily imbued? My hope is that the convention will resolve to include all baptized persons in our communion, though my confidence that it will happen is not so great. In this way the burden of

those unwilling to stand against the current inconsistent and unjustly exclusivistic practice/understanding will be eased. For myself and the children for whom I am concerned and the Lord who has freed us all, I stand in protest. I can do no more.

In hope that love will conquer,

Gregory P. Harbaugh, Intern

cc: Michael Kincheloe, Student Association President
 President, Board of Directors
 Rev. Howard J. McCarney, D.D., President, Central Pennsylvania Synod
 Rev. Paul H. Orso, Ph. D., President, Maryland Synod
 Rev. Kenneth R. May, D.D., President, Western Penn.-West Virginia Synod
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WEST COTTAGE SPRING LECTURE SERIES

April 4, 1978 7:00 p.m.	"CHILDHOOD SEXUALITY" by Bill Jones Apple Lobby
April 18, 1978 7:00 p.m.	"DAY CARE: MORE THAN A CHILD CHECK-IN" by Karen Michelman Apple Lobby
April 24, 1978 7:00 p.m.	"CHILDREN'S LITERATURE" by Prof. Janet Gemmill Apple Lobby
May 3, 1978 7:00 p.m.	"THE WORKING MOTHER" by Prof. Kathy Ciolino Apple Lobby
May 4, 1978 7:00 p.m.	"NATURAL CHILDBIRTH: A PERSONAL EXPERIENCE" by Bob and Marilyn Cook Apple Lobby
May 10, 1978 7:00 p.m.	"NEW DEVELOPMENTS IN CONTRACEPTION METHODS" by Linda Allewalt Apple Lobby

-----The movie FUTURE SHOCK will be shown in the College Union Building (Gettysburg College) on Tuesday, April 4, at 2:00 p.m. and 7:00 p.m.. No Admission.

-----The Gettysburg College Trio will present a recital of chamber music on Thursday, April 6, at 3:00 p.m. in Brua Auditorium. Featured will be works by Beethoven, Brahms and Ives.

-----Dr. Kathleen Smith Kutolowski will give a lecture on "The Leisure Revolution" in Bowen Auditorium on Wednesday, April 5, at 8:00 p.m. Dr. Kutolowski, a 1964 graduate of Gettysburg College, is Assistant Professor of History, SUNY College at Brockport, N.Y.